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Drinking on the cheap

Two SIUE professors break down students' frugality

by **Rosie Githinji**
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College students and drinking are assumed to go hand in hand. Psychology professors Paul Rose and Dan Segrist and graduate student Shannon Toney Smith conducted a study of students' drinking habits and how to change them.

The study concluded that frugal students will spend less money on alcohol if the prices or taxes are raised.

Prior research indicates students are sensitive to the price of alcohol, according to Rose.

"All people differ in how much they enjoy saving money and spending money," Rose said. "Students who save money won't spend as much on alcohol and people who are more impulsive tend to drink more."

The study shows that SIUE students who are impulsive tend to drink more, according to Rose.

According to the study, 185 students enrolled in an introductory psychology class were surveyed. These students range from freshmen to seniors and the mean age was about 19 years old.

"About 40 percent of the students were under legal drinking age," Rose said. "Effects were the same regardless of whether they were of legal drinking age or not."

The survey was anonymous and confidential, according to Rose. He said it made the students more comfortable and because it was confidential students were more honest, according to Rose.

"The big take-home message of the research is students are sensitive to how much alcohol costs," Rose said.

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Cougar Village 529 on the mend



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The inside of 529 currently holds a skeleton frame of the apartment. The old apartment was completely gutted by the fire and could not be salvaged.



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The remnants from the August 2009 fire [shown left] have been since torn down and replaced with a replica of the previous building. The new Cougar Village apartment [right] is scheduled to be completed by the fall 2010 semester.

Campus parking lots receive makeover



Sean Roberts/Alestle

All but three campus parking lots will be resurfaced this summer, at a total cost of \$300,000. The funds needed for the project will come from parking tickets, meters and permits.

by **Jason Frazier**
Alestle Reporter

If you have paid a ticket or two within the last year, chances are those dollars are going right back into the lots where the ticket was issued.

Revenue from parking tickets, meters and permits will pay for the resurfacing of parking lots across campus, according to Tony Langendorf, assistant to the director of Parking Services.

"We will be repaving every lot on this campus except for lots E, 4A, and B," Langendorf said.

Resealing the lots may seem like a time-consuming process, but Langendorf said the project will be completed by the fall.

"Each lot takes three days to complete, however the entire process should take 7-10 weeks," Langendorf said. "The contract with the company repaving the lots states the lots must be done by the start of the fall semester."

Langendorf said some of the most commonly used lots will be paved in sections to not heavily disrupt parking for students and faculty during the summer.

"Main interior lots, like Lot A, we will pave half of the lot at a time because it is so large," Langendorf said. "In the summer, the student census is low. This allows us to close one lot and direct students and faculty to another lot if needed."

Revenue for the resealing of the parking lots is generated by SIUE and is not a product of state grants or loans.

"Re-sealing the parking lots is costing SIUE \$300,000," Langendorf said. "Parking doesn't receive any money from the state. This project is being funded through citations, meter revenue, and parking permits."

The lots are being resealed with tar asphalt. Langendorf said originally SIUE used Reclamite to seal the parking areas.

"Most of the lots were built in 1997, in the past we used Reclamite, a clear substance which seals the asphalt," Langendorf said. "We were only allowed to apply three applications of Reclamite every four years. Since the cycle for the Reclamite is done, we are now using a coal tar seal."

The price of maintenance may seem high, but Langendorf said it saves SIUE money in the long run by doing the maintenance consistently instead of waiting to completely rebuild the lot.

"We do crack filling in the fall; this is just maintenance. It's more cost effective to do maintenance on the lots than to allow the entire base to become damaged," Langendorf said. "To resurface the lot if the base is intact, it costs around \$500-\$1000 per space; to rebuild the lot if the base is gone you are looking at \$2000-\$3000 per space."

SIUE issued the contract to Oates Associates LLC to complete the parking lot project. Langendorf said they are

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NEWS *in brief*

Oduwole to face trial by jury

Alestle Staff Report

Olutosin Oduwole, a former SIUE student arrested in 2007 on the charge of attempting to make a terrorist threat, will now stand trial by jury.

Oduwole's defense attorneys argued the note found in the 25-year-old's car contained rap lyrics and should be dismissed on the basis of free speech.

Circuit Judge Richard Tognarelli dismissed the defense's argument Friday, ruling the note contained two separate parts and the rap lyrics on top did not have a connection to the "threatening" portion at the bottom.

A jury will now decide the

charge against Oduwole of attempting to make a terrorist threat.

The note found in Oduwole's car, which was abandoned on campus, included: "send \$2 to ... PayPal account if this account doesn't reach \$50,000 in the next 7 days then a murderous rampage similar to the [Virginia Tech] shooting will occur at another highly populated university. THIS IS NOT A JOKE!"

Ammunition was also found in the car, and police later found a loaded handgun in Oduwole's on-campus apartment.

Oduwole is free after his father posted \$110,000 cash bond on Aug. 2007.

\$1.5 billion proposed center moved

Alestle Staff Report

The University Town Center is no more, but it may have found new life under the name of Millennium Development.

The Millennium Development project is now being proposed in Marion, and Senate Bill 2093 has passed both houses, awaiting Quinn's approval.

Once a proposed \$1 billion retail and entertainment center for Glen Carbon, the proposed University Town Center lost steam after Gov. Pat Quinn vetoed the bill, calling the project "risky" in these economic times. Quinn changed the Sales Tax and Revenue (STAR) bonds, the measure of how the entertainment district was funded.

The proposed site is modeled after Kansas City's Village West, which includes a professional soccer team, minor league baseball team, a water park and various restaurants.

SIUE POLICE BEOTTER

5-24-10

Police stopped a vehicle for driving without lights on East University Drive. Police arrested Gerald Woody for driving under the influence of alcohol. Woody was transported to the police department where he was processed and was issued citations for DUI and driving without lights. Woody posted \$300 and was released.

5-25-10

Police issued Christopher S. Thomas citations for speeding and illegal transportation of alcohol. Police arrested Cheyenne M. Haxton, the passenger of Thomas' vehicle, on an active warrant for failure to appear for driving while suspended. Thomas and Haxton were taken to the police department where they were processed. Haxton was unable to post bond and was taken to Madison County Jail. Thomas was released with a notice to appear.

5-26-10

Police were notified the warrant for Christopher L. Densmore was cancelled per judge.

Police took a report of a Weber

Grill stolen from Cougar Village 509.

5-29-10

Police issued Faizan Khan a citation for speeding on Cougar Lake Drive.

Police stopped a vehicle for speeding at New Poag Road. Jason M. Smith was arrested for driving under the influence. Smith was taken to the police department where he was processed and issued citations for driving under the influence, speeding and the unlawful transportation of alcohol. Smith was released after posting \$100 bond and relinquishing his driver's license.

5-31-10

Police responded to a subject turning himself in on a warrant. Leon Loving was arrested on an active warrant for failure to appear for driving without a seat belt. Loving turned himself in at the police department and was processed and released after posting \$100 bond.

Police took a report of a cell phone stolen from Morris University Center.

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responsible for most of the building and repairs on campus.

"The maintenance is recommended by our engineering firm, Oates Associates Inc.," Langendorf said. "SIUE uses them for any projects on campus that requires an outside engineering firm such as the new science building."

SIUE alumni and Oates Associates Inc. Project manager Tom Cissell said the parking lots have upgraded since his time on the SIUE campus.

"The parking lots when I was a student at SIUE had weeds and grass growing up through them," Cissell said. "The campus has made a priority to take care of their lots and make them look aesthetically pleasing compared to my time there."

SIUE is doing maintenance on the lots already in place; however, senior mass communications major Melissa Sherman said they also need to create better areas for parking as well.

"We need better parking in general," Sherman said. "The lots on the other side really put a damper on traffic with all of the pedestrian crossing. It's really frustrating during the busy hours."

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Paul Rose and Dan Segrist, psychology professors at SIUE, found students would buy less alcohol if alcohol prices increased.

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Rose said avoiding big expenses helps keep people healthier and safer. These expenses include alcohol consumption. The study indicated that alcohol prices would have to be raised by an impractical degree in order to get students to drink less.

According to the study, American students' drinking habits are the same as Australia, Europe and South America.

Concerns raised in the study state "the most obvious negative consequence of heavy drinking is that it may result in illness or death from alcohol poisoning, as well as accidents."

Women are likely to drink less than men and be less aggressive, according to the study. There is also research supporting the conclusion that student drinking is affected by the cost of the alcohol.

Beer is the preferred form of alcohol, because it is the cheapest

and many students save money by "pre-drinking" before they go to bars or clubs, according to the study.

Junior nursing major Jasmine Andrews of Chicago does not like beer. Her drink of choice is vodka, usually Grey Goose.

"I don't go out to the clubs that much," Andrews said. "It gets too expensive."

When she does go out, she usually takes about \$20 with her.

"When I run out of money, I quit drinking," Andrews said. "Unless someone else buys me a drink."

Andrews said if the prices of alcohol went up, she would not drink as much.

"It's already too expensive to go out all the time," Andrews said.

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SIUE students nearly sweep Laumeier's 'Student Art Showcase'

Alestle Staff Report

SIUE's Art and Design Department displayed their talents recently by taking home 13 of 20 awards from the Laumeier Student Art Showcase May 7-9. SIUE competed against area universities including Saint Louis University, Washington University and Webster University.

Emily Dunlap, a senior majoring in sculpture, took home second place with a life-sized version of a Lincoln Log cabin. The house stood 8 feet by 8 feet, with the "logs" made of Styrofoam wrapped in fabric.

"You could take the pieces apart," Dunlap said. "You can essentially play with it."

Two student ambassadors from each school as well as a regional artist, Renee Heyer-Starrett, judged the competition. Starrett, a full-time clay artist and ceramics instructor according to her website, graduated from SIUE in 2006 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts.

Hunter Creel, a senior ceramics major and a photographer for the Alestle, finished third for a photograph

featuring an elderly lady selling fruit from a cart. Tara Morton, a senior majoring in sculpting, took home an honorable mention for a solid piece of wood carved into a briefcase.

Morton said the briefcase was wrapped in steel bands and was meant to represent the redevelopment of mobile home areas. She said developers come into an area and tell mobile homes to leave, even though their age and wear may prevent them from doing so. The suitcase represented the mobile homes' difficulty to leave.

"I think the suitcase, it holds the things very near and dear to you. You keep the very few important possessions [in there]," Morton said.

Morton said SIUE's success in the annual showcase represented the school well and was great to see after they had promoted it around campus. Dunlap said St. Louis can provide a good start to break into the art world.

"There's a lot of opportunity for students to showcase art around St. Louis," Dunlap said.

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Professors should give mutual respect for time

A popular thing for professors to do in their classes over the summer is take attendance. It's an understandable policy. Without taking attendance, especially during the summer, students will miss a lot of



Sean Roberts
Photo Editor

material. There is also the idea that a student going to class every day shows respect for the professor and his or her time. That being said, if we respect professors' time by showing up every day for class, they should respect ours by ending class on time.

The first day in my last class this summer was dismissed almost 10 minutes late. While this might not seem like much, it can turn into quite an inconvenience and annoyance when you have 50 grouchy students in one room being forced to sit through another 10 minutes of lecture. After spending six straight

hours in class without time for food, and barely enough time to take a bathroom break, not one thing on my mind relates to learning about the subject for an extra 10 minutes. I want to go home.

Not only is there the issue of hunger, but sometimes we have other classes or other things to do. I had to go out and take some photos of friends, an important hobby to me. While I understand the need to present the subject fully, if you are not able to work into your class schedule the extra five to ten minutes throughout the semester, there is a problem.

When it's time for me to leave, I will automatically start to gather my things. This is not because I'm a jerk, it's because doing this to us shows a fundamental disrespect for our time; something, ironically enough, the professor usually seems to cherish by taking attendance.

Professors have so much control over how they manage their class time. They have the ability to cancel class at a minute's notice – or sometimes with no notice at all. There have

been times when another professor has walked into a class to inform us that class would not be in session that day – gee, thanks for the email.

They also set the schedule – in some cases taking class points off, up to a letter grade, for being late. While the question of whether or not a professor has a right to take attendance at the college level is debatable, it's often the same professors who take attendance as if we were in the fourth grade that will cancel a class at a minute's notice, show up late, or waste our time with an extra 10 minutes of lecture.

If professors want us to respect their time by showing up on time for classes and showing up for all classes, they should extend the same respect to us by ending lecture on time – enough time for us to get to our other classes or activities, or even grab a very late lunch.

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Political inaction will turn Illinois budget into lost cause

Election years for politicians are reminiscent of homecoming court from high school, and Illinois' struggle for Springfield is an easy parallel. Campaigning and favoritism gets laid on thick with cheesy, posed pictures, flyers and posters and



Kenneth Long
Opinion Editor

promises for future action. But in the end, nothing is accomplished. Someone is crowned king, but they don't do much, especially when there is a chance to lose precious votes and supporters.

Illinois' lawmakers need to do something. The state budget is almost as infamous as our last governor. As each day passes, I lose more faith in both. While Blagojevich is definitely past the point of saving, the budget is not too far behind. Inaction certainly isn't

helping things.

This is a crisis. It's comparable to having a gun pointed at the proverbial face of Illinois' financial future. We see a huge, mounting problem in our face. The gun is fully loaded, the safety is off and there's a hair trigger just waiting to be pulled. Sooner or later, a shot is going to go off.

There are a few options here though, so don't panic. For example, most types of martial arts have some sort of skill to disarm a gunman. A leg sweep is a good option, or a Jujitsu technique involving splintering the gunman's good arm.

Begging for one's life is always an option. It's not the manliest of techniques, but it's better than a point blank .45 into the temple.

The idea here is there are countless options to try to prevent an untimely demise, but any action is usually better than inaction.

Any good politician worth his salt knows election years are pivotal. A senator could spend three years championing the poor,

protecting the weak or even turning lead into gold, but it would all go down the drain with an election year of bad publicity.

It is also a given that most democrats will push for taxes and republicans will go for cuts. We have seen both sides make small strides for each effort. The approaching cuts to education loom over our heads and video gambling has been expanded. They both show our lawmakers something needs to be done.

Unfortunately, these actions are not enough. It will take a bipartisan decision and extended cooperation to pull us out of the quagmire. I only hope when someone actually decides to take action, they are given credit where credit is due. And when this person steps forward, all the sedentary politicians will be revealed for who they really are: cowards.

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Getting ready to rock out... Summer concert season begins



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From left to right: Papa Roach bassist Tobin Esperance, Rise Against front man Tim McIlrath and Rob Zombie.

by Liz Spihlman
Alestle Chief Copy Editor

Everyone's summer concert season starts off different and mine began with a road trip ending at Crew Stadium in Columbus, Ohio for the Rock on the Range festival May 22-23. Attending the festival were more than 38 rock bands, ranging from St. Louis-based band Shaman's Harvest to national act Coheed and Cambria to infamous acts Slash and Rob Zombie.

Despite the fantastic musical variety of the festival, three bands left me with a lasting impression: Rise Against, Papa Roach and Rob Zombie.

Rise Against

Chicago-based band Rise Against took the stage Saturday afternoon and played fan favorites "Give It All," "The Good Left Undone" and "Savior," among others. I have always had a great deal of respect for these guys but had never heard them perform live before Rock on the Range. I can truthfully say I walked away from the performance a stronger Rise Against fan. The power in Tim McIlrath's voice captivates the audience in each song. The major message behind the band and its music is one of human and animal rights alike. The guys put out an amazing amount of energy in their show and give the crowd members something to scream, mosh and throw up their rock horns about.

Papa Roach

These California rockers are nothing new to me, as I've seen them four times now (five after Pointfest 26 on Sunday). They never cease to please the crowd with their music and antics. Lead singer

Jacoby Shaddix is notorious for his animated stage presence as well as jumping out into the crowd on a regular basis. Papa Roach performed a loaded set at Rock on the Range, including "...To Be Loved," "Scars," "Last Resort" and "Hollywood Whore." As much as I love Papa Roach, they need to revamp their performance. Ever since Pointfest 20 in 2007, Jacoby has been saying, "This song is for all the little dirty girls out there," before performing "Forever." That being said, I will never tire of seeing Papa Roach in concert. The band is always ready to rock no matter what happens.

Rob Zombie

I have been a fan of Rob Zombie's movies for a few years now, beginning with "House of 1000 Corpses," which, strangely enough, my mom introduced me to. I also knew of his music, but didn't start rocking out to it until just a couple years ago. When it came time for Zombie to come onstage, however, I was itching for a good show. Zombie delivered with a stage show featuring skeletons and robots and a performance including "Living Dead Girl," "More Human Than Human" (White Zombie), "Dragula," "Mars Needs Women" and "Thunderkiss '65" (White Zombie). While the moshing and crowd surfing continued near the stage, I stayed toward the back, witnessed (and partook in) the most legitimate dancing I had seen all weekend. Rob Zombie did not disappoint and even played an encore, though the closer, Limp Bizkit, was still to come.

Over half the crowd left before Limp Bizkit took the stage, anyway. It's no wonder they canceled their tour the following day.

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2010 Summer Events

@ the Verizon Wireless Ampitheater

- Fri., 06/04/10 07:00 p.m.**
Styx and Foreigner with special guest Kansas
- Sun., 06/06/10 10:00 a.m.**
Pointfest
- Sat., 06/12/10 05:00 p.m.**
Hot 104.1 presents Super Jam 3
- Wed., 06/16/10 07:00 p.m.**
Dave Matthews Band
- Sat., 06/19/10 07:00 p.m.**
Southern Voice Tour: Tim McGraw with special guests Lady Antebellum and Love and Theft
- Wed., 06/23/10 08:00 p.m.**
Sting performing his most celebrated songs with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
- Sat., 06/26/10 07:00 p.m.**
Lynyrd Skynyrd God and Guns tour with Bret Michaels and 38 Special
- Thu., 07/01/10 08:00 p.m.**
Harrah's St. Louis presents Sammy Hagar and the Wabos
- Fri., 07/02/10 07:00 p.m.**
311 & The Offspring with special guest Pepper
- Sat., 07/10/10 06:00 p.m.**
REO Speedwagon and Pat Benatar with special guest Night Ranger
- Mon., 07/17/10 03:00 p.m.**
Lilith
- Mon., 07/05/10 11:00 a.m.**
Toby Keith's American Ride Tour with Trace Adkins
- Sun., 07/18/10 07:30 p.m.**
Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers and Drive-By Truckers
- Tue., 07/20/10 02:15 p.m.**
Korn, Rob Zombie, Lamb of God, Five Finger Death Punch

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June	June	July
Metcalf Theater	Dunham Hall Theater	Dunham Hall Theater
10-12 and 17-19	23-26	14-17
7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
13 and 20	26 and 27	17 and 18
2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
Ruthless! The Musical	The Lady Cries Murder	Suessical the Musical

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| Beauty and the Beast
June 21-30 | The Sound of Music
July 26-Aug. 1 |
| Titanic - The Musical
July 5-11 | Footloose
Aug. 2-8 |
| Damn Yankees
July 12-18 | Show Boat
Aug. 9-15 |
| Cats
July 19-25 | |

Forrester inks three JUCOs for next season

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Sports Editor

Improving upon weaknesses from last season's version of the SIUE men's basketball team and adding depth were key concerns for Head Coach Lennox Forrester this recruiting season.

Some of those issues were addressed with the addition of three junior college transfers during the regular recruiting period, which ended May 19, as SIUE strives to improve upon a 5-23 season last year. The Cougars won just two games against full-fledged NCAA

Division I opponents in 2009-2010.

Forrester said Abel Tillman (Highland Junior College, Freeport), Corey Wickware and Cornelius Chatt (Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel) will join early recruits Gerald Jones (McClure South Berkeley H.S., St. Louis) and Michael Messer (Lafayette H.S., St. Louis) on SIUE's roster in 2010-2011.

"We are definitely going to be better," Forrester said. "As coaches we want to add players to improve upon our weaknesses and at the same time add to our strengths."

The 6-foot-8-inch Tillman effectively replaces early recruit Alex Brown (Herrin H.S.), who was deemed academically ineligible for D-I competition, and has signed on with John A. Logan Junior College. Brown was suspended for the remainder of his high school season following a January theft incident involving Brown and two teammates in Herrin. Charges were later dropped.

"I want guys who want to be a part of this, and he did, but this is a better route for him," Forrester said. "We wish him the best of luck."

Tillman, a high school teammate of Jones at McClure South Berkeley, averaged 9.5 points per game and 5.4 rebounds per game at Highland last season and led the NJCAA with 103 blocked shots.

"He is versatile, very long and athletic and can block shots and rebound," Forrester said of Tillman. "He needs to hit the weight room pretty hard, and he is, but he can hit the 15-footer consistently and his ceiling is high for basketball."

Forrester projects Tillman as a contributor at both forward and center with starting potential, and

Men's basketball

as someone who can spell Mark Yelovich for minutes off the bench.

"Hopefully next year some of our bigs can step up and Tillman can play at the four if we want to go a little bit bigger," Forrester said.

Before choosing SIUE, Tillman received scholarship offers from Detroit, Fresno State, Oral Roberts, SEMO and

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Pitching woes and life on the road

Injuries to starters hurt as SIUE struggled through 14-38 year

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Sports Editor

Pitching problems and injuries contributed heavily to a disappointing 14-38 season for the SIUE baseball team this season.

The Cougars rotation, which allowed a season ERA of 7.93, an opponents batting average of .337 and an OBP of .409, took a major hit early in the season, with injuries to seniors Spencer Patton and Luke Vine.

Patton tore his right ACL backing up a throw at home plate March 20 in a 9-2 loss to Evansville and Vine had issues with a hip flexor before injuring his shoulder in a March 26 game at Tennessee Tech.

"Our pitching depth took a major hit without Vine and Patton," Head baseball coach Gary Collins said. "We were counting on them every week. Spencer was a high end draftable guy and didn't have anyone as good as them."

Vine appeared in nine games for SIUE and posted a 7.03 ERA with a 1-3 record and one save, while Patton took the mound in just five contests, with a 6.89 ERA.

Collins pointed the bullpen out as a trouble-spot throughout the season, and said his younger starters were able to pitch well down the stretch.

"The young guys pitched very well at the end

Baseball

of the year," Collins said. "We didn't have much experience in the bullpen and had to move everyone up."

Dustin Quattrocchi had the best statistical year among SIUE pitchers, with a 4-6 record, three complete games, two saves and a 5.63 ERA. He was the only SIUE pitcher outside of Patton who allowed opponents to hit less than .300 against him, with a .284 mark against.

Collins said the low point for the season was easily the first 14 games, where SIUE went 2-12 on the road before opening up SimmonsCooper Complex with two straight wins against North Dakota.

"We couldn't get ourselves started," Collins said. "We didn't catch, we couldn't pitch, and we scored a lot of runs but still got beat."

The offensive output from the Cougars was a positive throughout the year, but its firepower was unable to overcome the inconsistent efforts routinely displayed on the mound.

SIUE was 6-1 when scoring more than 10 runs, but 3-16 when their opponents did the same. As a team, SIUE hit .292 with a slugging percentage of .420.

Senior Adam Eggemeyer led the charge, hitting .335 with nine home runs and 41 RBIs. Senior Dustin Brooks also had a productive season,



Hunter Creel/Alestle

SIUE starting pitcher Luke Vine pitches against North Dakota at SimmonsCooper Complex. Vine appeared in just nine games for the Cougars with a 7.03 ERA before an injury shelved him for the season March 20.

SEASON/pg. 7

Two NCAA tournament teams, Jayhawks set to take on Cougars

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Sports Editor

The SIUE women's soccer team will see a schedule full of familiar regional opposition when it takes the field next season.

Revenge will be on the minds of Head Coach Derek Burton and the Cougars after a positive spring exhibition season, as they play 14 of 17 games against teams from last season's 3-10-2 season.

"We are going to see a lot of regional teams that are familiar to us, but at the same time we want to try and keep it fresh," Burton said.

SIUE plays eight games at Korte Stadium, including its

regular season opener Aug. 20 against South Dakota. The Cougars open with an exhibition game at Arkansas State Aug. 14. SIUE played the Redwolves in a pre-season match last season as well.

Burton said the exhibition will provide a challenge for his team as it prepares for the upcoming year.

"They had the best year in their program history last year, and are a team on the rise with lots of good young players," Burton said. "I am good friends with their head coach [Tafadzwa Ziyenge] and am aware of what he has done recruiting-wise making it a great starting point to see where we are."

Without a conference

schedule, Burton said scheduling is more of a challenge as SIUE's women's team continues along with its transition to NCAA Division I.

"This is our last season without an OVC schedule and we tried to use it to our advantage as much as possible," Burton said.

The road will not be as difficult for the Cougars in previous years, with no two-game weekend road trips scheduled, and an Oct. 29 trip to Kansas being the farthest SIUE will have to travel, which Burton said will help his team stay fresh throughout the course of the season.

"Those trips can wear a team down especially when you are not

playing for a conference title," Burton said. "When we play two games on a weekend one is home and one is away, so hopefully that will keep us fresh."

Burton said his team has not run into problems down the stretch in recent years, and added the Cougars played their best soccer in the final six games of last season.

SIUE's schedule starts out with three games at home against South Dakota (Aug. 20), Eastern Kentucky (Aug. 2) and Ball State (Sept. 3) before a brief road trip to IPFW (Sept. 5) and Western Illinois (Sept. 10).

The Cougars other home contests include Murray State (Sept. 12), UT Martin (Sept. 19),

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Eastern Illinois (Oct. 1), Illinois State (Oct. 20) and Austin Peay (Oct. 31) to close out the season.

Murray State and Illinois State each reached the first round of the NCAA tournament last season, and Burton said he is fortunate to get both of those schools returning games at Korte Stadium.

SIUE beat Murray State 2-1 last season, and suffered their worst loss of the year, a 5-1 defeat at Illinois State.

"The motivation is going to be different as far as both games go," Burton said. "Those will definitely be big contests to gauge our

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Tennessee Tech.

At 5 feet 10 inches, Wickware will be competing to earn minutes at the point guard position with Jones and a number of returning players. Finding a true point guard during the recruiting periods was vital for the Cougars' success, with SIUE needing a replacement for graduating senior Aamir McCleary.

Wickware's outside shooting touch and ability to create offense were apparent to Forrester during the recruiting process. Wickware averaged 11.6 points per game at Wabash Valley and was a 46 percent shooter from behind the three point line. He was also an 86 percent free-throw shooter.

Forrester said if Wickware's three-point numbers can translate to the next level, it will be beneficial to his team which shot just 31 percent from beyond the arc last season.

"Shooting is a key, that is how you score," Forrester said. "That's what Corey brings to the table. He can also pass it and push it forward; he is an all around team player. All of these guys are."

Forrester said Wickware is going to have to adjust to playing at the D-I level, and he is open-minded as far as setting his depth chart in November, especially at the point guard position.

"You got Jones as a freshman and you never know how they are

going to react, you can say the same for [junior college] players like Corey too," Forrester said. "No one is ahead of anyone right now. We feel like we have some depth and can play guys at different spots."

Wickware received a scholarship offer from Montana State, and was also recruited by Morehead State, Austin Peay and North Carolina A&T.

Chatt, who averaged 10.9 points per game and shot 45 percent from the field last season, adds to a deep group of returning players, including LeShaun Murphy, Kevin Stineman and Cody Rincker at the shooting guard position for SIUE. Messer, who is a highly touted prospect out of high school, is also listed as a shooting guard.

"[Chatt] fits our style of play and is very athletic and can shoot it," Forrester said. "He adds a lot to our team as far as the way we want to play."

Forrester still has some time before he is able to assess his new players. Teams are unable to practice until the practice season officially kicks off Oct. 17.

"It is just a matter of who is going to work during the offseason," Forrester said. "The bottom line is to improve our win column."

Chatt chose the Cougars over Albany, Austin Peay, Portland

State, Sam Houston State and Southeast Missouri State.

Wabash Valley has developed five Division I transfers for next season, including Wickware, Chatt and former SIUE guard Brandon Dunson, who is on his way to Arizona State. Much of Forrester's credit goes to WVC head coach Dan Sparks.

"He does a great job recruiting players and the program has had a tradition of winning for a long time," Forrester said. "A lot of high school coaches trust the fact that they develop players and send them to other schools when they graduate."

At this point in time, Forrester said recruiting junior college players is a tougher sell than high school players for the program because of its ongoing transition to D-I.

"They are coming in for two years without a championship," Forrester said. "These guys are still helping the program set the foundation for us to have the opportunity to compete in the NCAA tournament. Once they are on campus it is an easier sell for a lot of different reasons."

SIUE's high school recruits will be tournament eligible in 2012-2013, their junior seasons.

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SIUE was able to find solace at home, where they were 9-4 in just 13 games.

"It's like playing with one hand tied behind your back," Collins said of scheduling during the transitional process to Division I. "They are loosening the strings next year with 26 home games, and we should be ready to compete by 2012. That is our plan."

The Cougars were 5-13 against teams from the Ohio Valley Conference, and, although the record may not indicate it, Collins said his team should have no trouble competing in its conference.

"I think we can play in this conference. We will get better and are very young," Collins said.

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"We were inconsistent against the OVC last year, and this year have all of them at home as opposed to all of them on the road last season," Burton said. "All of those teams have different situations and UT Martin has an entirely new coaching staff that just came in, so you never know."

SIUE was 1-3-1 against the OVC last season.

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Professional Sports

Financial problems lead to end of St. Louis Athletica

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Just 13 months after the St. Louis Athletica played its inaugural game against the Chicago Red Wolves at Korte Stadium the Women's Professional Soccer team has folded.

"It's incredibly difficult to lose a team in mid-season like this," WPS Commissioner Tonya Antonucci said in a recent press release. "We looked at a few options as a league together with our Board and U.S. Soccer, but the operational hurdles and finances just didn't work out. In the face of a severe funding gap in St. Louis, the local ownership group is shutting down the team at this point."

The May 27 announcement followed two weeks of speculation regarding the financial situation of St. Louis Soccer United. The team was St. Louis' second venture in professional women's soccer, with the other meeting a similar demise in 2004.

"It's a recurring theme in pro soccer," SIUE women's soccer coach Derek Burton said. "It is just so difficult to find investors and really boils down to the money."

In a 2008 story published in the Alestle, team president Caryn Chasteen said investing in the Athletica would be different.

"We have a new name, new commissioner and a new owner. There are similar cities involved, but it is under a new financial structure and business model," Chasteen said. "It is still professional women's soccer, and we are going to try and make sure this thing is around for a long time."

Burton said the loss of the Athletica is unfortunate for the St. Louis soccer community.

"It's sad on a lot of levels," Burton said. "They had a real chance to make a lasting impact on kids at the youth level as some of the best women's players in the world, and were an invaluable asset for kids in the area."

Reports from the St. Louis Post Dispatch state the team's British investors, Heemal and Sanjeev Vaid were unable to cover operating costs vital to the team. The Vaid's joined a partnership with Athletica founder and chairman Jeff Cooper in December, although Cooper was no longer responsible for the financial well being of the franchise.

"The termination of St. Louis Athletica is a painful outcome from the funding shortfalls and ultimate default by the investors who had an obligation to fund and operate the team on a day-to-day basis," Cooper said in a statement. "I've given this matter

my complete attention since returning to a more active role in the last few weeks and numerous parties have spent a lot of hours during that time exploring what options or solutions might be available."

Cooper, a partner in the Alton-based SimmonsCooper law firm currently serves as the interim commissioner of the North American Soccer League and in 2007 spearheaded an effort to build a \$100 million soccer facility in Collinsville to attract a MLS franchise to the area.

SimmonsCooper donated \$1 million to revamp SIUE's baseball complex in 2004, which included new lights, improved seating, a public restroom and concession



stand. The donation also called for expanding the area into a complete baseball complex, along with naming rights.

The United States Soccer Federation used money from a preseason bond to help AC St. Louis, the St. Louis Soccer United men's team, make its payment to the league last week.

Former SIUE back Zach Bauer is a member of AC St. Louis.

Reports state the \$350,000 bond posted by AC St. Louis in the preseason would not be enough to cover operating expenses for AC St. Louis and the Athletica over the course of the season.

The Athletica played two games at Korte Stadium and one game at Saint Louis University's Herman Stadium before moving to Anheuser-Busch Soccer Park, a donation given to Cooper from the brewer. The team had a contract with SIUE worth \$2,000 per month plus \$5,000 per game during the 2009 schedule, which included nine home matches. Operating costs of Anheuser-Busch Soccer Park have contributed significantly to the financial situation at St. Louis Soccer United.

SIUE drew 5,009 fans for the Athletica's first contest on April 4, 2009, while the team averaged around 3,000 over the remaining course of its existence.

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hitting .342 with 5 homers and 32 RBIs.

"Our offense was good, but certainly not good enough to make up for our pitching," Collins said.

At times, the Cougar defense was shaky as well. SIUE accumulated 90 errors during the season, and Collins said most of the problems came on the infield.

"Our outfield defense was really good, but our infield defense was pretty weak," Collins said. "We have to get better on the infield. We had a freshman at second and a freshman playing first the last half of the season and a freshman at short. We have to get better."

Collins said the efforts of his seniors, which included Eggemeyer, Brooks, Brent Rynearson, Michael Hopkins, Mike Hurt, Ryan Wiggs and Brett Lancaster, did not go

unnoticed.

"They worked hard, never complained and never quit playing even after losing some playing time to the younger guys," Collins said. Talent-wise, we aren't going to miss a whole lot next season because we are expecting the young guys to step up, but I have nothing bad to say about these guys. They didn't put in for [the transition process] when they got here."

Much like last year, the majority of the Cougars' season was spent playing on the road, with 39 games away from the SimmonsCooper Complex, 34 of which were true road games. SIUE was just 4-30 in those games and 1-4 on neutral turf.

"It's pretty tiring when you are traveling all the time," Collins said. "There are no breaks on the road; it wears you out. Not having success makes it harder."

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development."

Over the course of the season, SIUE will also travel to Northern Illinois (Sept. 17), Central Arkansas (Sept. 26), Missouri State (Oct. 3), Drake (Oct. 10), Indiana State (Oct. 15) and Kansas (Oct. 29).

The Jayhawks finished last season 12-8-2 and lost the Big 12 title game to Texas A&M.

"Kansas was one of two teams in the Big 12 who got the shaft at the tournament," Burton

said. "They had a really good season with ups and downs and heralded players up and down the roster. Moving forward past 2010 - that's something we look to add to our schedule with flexibility out of conference to help us throughout the season and long-term future."

Burton said the OVC competition is going to look a little different this season, with games against five conference opponents.

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